



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

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RE: MUR 4378

Dear Mr. Engle, Mr. Burchfield, Mr. Dawson, and Ms. King:

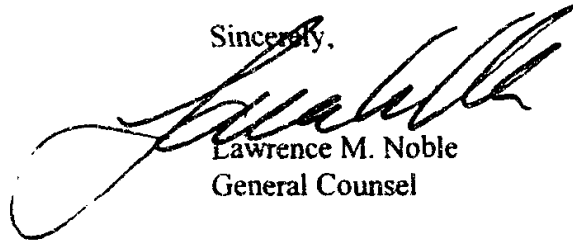
This is to advise you that on June 22, 1999, the Federal Election Commission failed on a vote of 2-3 with one abstention to find probable cause to believe that the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(h) by making excessive in-kind contributions to Montanans for Rehberg in 1996. The Commission also failed by votes of 3-3 to find probable cause to believe that the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by misreporting expenditures for media advertisements aired in connection with the 1996 U.S. Senate election in Montana, and 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b and 11 CFR § 102.5 by making expenditures in connection with the 1996 U.S. Senate election in Montana from its non-federal accounts. Accordingly, the file in this matter has been closed. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decisions will follow.

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The file will be made part of the public record within 30 days. Should you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so within ten days. Such materials should be sent to the Office of the General Counsel.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the senior attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom left.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

cc: Craig M. Engle
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